

Amend CSHB 21 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.25162 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.25162. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS.

(a) This section applies only to a school district determined by the commissioner to be the predominant provider of public education in a county of this state based on the following factors:

(1) the extent to which the district is the public education provider for substantially all of the students residing in the county who attend school in a school district, other than a minimal number of students in the county who reside in the attendance zone of another school district;

(2) the degree of hardship that the district's students would experience if the district were to discontinue providing public education and the district's students were required to attend school in another school district; and

(3) any other relevant factor identified by the commissioner.

(b) Subject to Subsection (c), a school district is entitled to the additional state aid that would have been provided to the district for the current school year under Section 42.2516, as that section existed on January 1, 2017, if the district demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that the failure to receive that state aid would require the district to close at least one campus.

(c) The amount of Foundation School Program funds used for purposes of this section may not exceed \$20 million for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019. If necessary as a result of this limitation, the commissioner shall reduce proportionately the amount to which each school district is entitled under this section.

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2019.